

## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Prior to entry of this response, Claims 33, 35, 37, 39-41, and 43-52 were pending in the application. In the Office Action dated January 10, 2011, Claims 35 and 52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Following entry of this response, Claims 33, 35, 37, 39-41, and 43-52 remain in this application. Applicants hereby address the Examiner's rejections in turn.

### **I. Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 101**

In the Office Action dated January 10, 2011, the Examiner rejected Claims 35 and 52 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 35 and 52 have been amended and Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments overcome these rejections and add no new matter.

### **II. Allowance of Claims**

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner pass Claims 33, 37, and 39-51 to issue.

### **III. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. The preceding arguments are based only on the arguments in the Office Action, and therefore do not address patentable aspects of the invention that

were not addressed by the Examiner in the Office Action. The claims may include other elements that are not shown, taught, or suggested by the cited art. Accordingly, the preceding argument in favor of patentability is advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability. Furthermore, the Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 13-2725.

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